

**ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
FY06 UFR'S**

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SUBJECT: UH-60M Blackhawk
FY06 UFR: \$1,019M for 91 airframes.
APPN: ACFT
AREA OF INTEREST: EQUIPPING

DESCRIPTION: The UH-60 Blackhawk is the only modernized utility/MEDEVAC helicopter in the Army fleet. The UH-60 Blackhawk, assigned to an ARNG unit, is a valuable tool for the battlefield commander as well as an integral part of the Total Army Warfight. It is equally important during peacetime to perform disaster relief operations and other critical state missions. Blackhawks in the Army National Guard are either older UH-60A/UH-60Q's or the currently built UH/HH-60Ls. The Army is developing a program to recapitalize a select number of UH-60As to the newest Blackhawk configuration, the UH-60M. It is critical that the entire ARNG fleet of UH-60As/UH-60Ls be modernized to the UH/HH-60M "like new" configuration.

ISSUE JUSTIFICATION: As of 1 Oct 04 ARNG had 596 of its 710 required UH-60 aircraft. Additional UH-60L/M Blackhawks are needed to replace Vietnam era UH-1 aircraft that will be retired by 2004. The Army Army Aviation Modernization Plan (AAMP), Army procurement goal of 710 still leaves nearly 60% of the ARNG fleet of UH-60s consists of UH-60A models that are approaching an average age of 20 years. The Army Plan through 2015 projects the ARNG will only have 71 UH-60Ms, 273 UH-60Ls and 366 UH-60As. In addition only 193 of the 366 UH-60As will have undergone recapitalization (depot rebuild). The older aircraft are more costly to maintain and units with these aircraft consistently report mission capable rates 20% lower than ARNG units with newer (UH-60L) aircraft.

PROGRAM STATUS: The 04-11 POM programs a total of 119 UH-60Ls to be purchased and the Department of the Army procurement cap is 710, however the ARNG is not resourced for the recapitalization program, do to the numerous deployments bestowed on the force, it is imperative that all of these units be fully resourced. Current shortfall based on on-hand quantities and the requirement the ARNG is short 91 airframes at a cost of \$11.2M per copy that are unfunded. **Total unfunded requirement is \$1,019M for the shortfall.**

IMPACT OF FUNDING THE CAPABILITY: If the additional UH-60s are funded, the ARNG would be able to field at least 1 fully resourced utility company or MEDEVAC detachment in every state/territory (except Guam which has no ARNG Aviation assets). In wartime, full resourcing would allow all ARNG utility units to be deployable to a theatre of war as an integral part of the "One Army" concept. Funding the UH-60 recapitalization program will allow the Army National Guard to provide units to be deployable and interoperable throughout Army Transformation because they will be compatible with legacy and interim forces that deploy for full spectrum operations as they are organized and equipped.

SUBJECT: UH-60M PROCUREMENT
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\$K	FY05	FY06
Validated Requirement	7,831,800,000	1,083,000,000
Unvalidated Requirement	1,094,400,000	1,094,400,000
Total Requirement	8,926,200,000	2,177,400,000
Funded Amount	6,748,800,000	-
Total UFR	2,177,400,000	2,177,400,000

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ANALYSIS:

This system analysis is based upon future completion of ADRS phase 4. Numbers used for computation reflect ARNG conversion of 2 combat divisions to CSS.

***Note: Changes in requirements and unit costs due to the on-going design of the Modular Force require this information paper be updated periodically. Next analysis and update will occur in early March 05.**